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SUBJ: UN ADVISORY SERVICES ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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1.AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED JUNE 18 FROM CONGRESSMAN DONALD FRASER SUGGESTING THAT GOI MIGHT AVAIL ITSELF OF THE "UN ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS." ACCORDING CONGRESSMAN FRASER, THIS SERVICE AVAILABLE AT REQUEST OF GOVERNMENTS WHO SEEK EXPERT ADVICE FROM EXPERT CONSULTANTS ON WAYS AND MEANS TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS. FRASER ADVISED THAT HIS AIDE, JOHN SALZBERG, HAS DISCUSSED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH WARREN HEWITT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF INTERNATION ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, AND HEWITT WOUD FORWARD INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM TO EMBASSY. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS MATERIAL.

- 2. DURING CALLS ON FONMIN MALIK AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID LAST MONTH, AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THEY KNEW OF UN ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY DID NOT.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR WISHES TO MAKE AT LEAST INTERIM REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S LETTER AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE. WE NOTE THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IS REGISTERED AS CONSULTANT TO

THE UN ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. IF AMNESTY IS THE CONSULTANT WHOSE SERVICES WOULD BE AVAILABLE UNDER UN PROGRAM, WE DOUBT GOI WOULD BE RECEPTIVE IN VIEW OF TIS STRAINED RELATIONS WITH AMNESTY. NEWSOM

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